



1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 616

November 19, 1997 - Introduced by Representatives TRAVIS, WALKER, BALDWIN, DUFF, BOCK, F. LASEE, HASENOHRL, HUBER, KRUG, NOTESTEIN, ROBSON, R. YOUNG and ZIEGELBAUER, cosponsored by Senators MOEN and BURKE. Referred to Committee on Urban and Local Affairs.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 19.59 (1) (e) and (em) of the statutes; **relating to:** conflicts of
2 interest by local public officials.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill prohibits any elective or major appointive official of a local government from representing a person for compensation before a local government with respect to a matter if the official is authorized to take official action requiring the exercise of discretion with respect to that matter. The bill also prohibits such an official from taking official action with respect to a matter before a subunit of a local government if the official has discretion with respect to the matter and the official has a financial interest in another's representation of a person before that subunit with respect to that matter. Currently, there are no such restrictions.

Violators are subject to a forfeiture (civil penalty) of not more than \$1,000 for each violation.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1.** 19.59 (1) (e) and (em) of the statutes are created to read:
4 19.59 (1) (e) No local public official may represent a person for compensation
5 before a board, council, commission, committee, department, agency or other subunit

1 of a local governmental unit with respect to a matter if the official is authorized to
2 take official action requiring the exercise of discretion with respect to that matter.

3 (em) No local public official may take official action with respect to a matter
4 before a board, council, commission, committee, department, agency or other subunit
5 of a local governmental unit if the official has discretion with respect to that matter
6 and the official has a financial interest in another's representation of a person before
7 that subunit with respect to that matter.

8 (END)